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S.B. No. 258

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a remote education and distance learning allotment under the Foundation School Program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 48, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 48.157 to read as follows:

Sec. 48.157. REMOTE EDUCATION AND DISTANCE LEARNING ALLOTMENT. (a) A school district is entitled to an annual allotment in the amount provided by appropriation for each student in average daily attendance to be used as provided by Subsection (b).

(b) Funds allocated under this section must be used to improve access to remote education and distance learning, including to pay the costs associated with remote education and distance learning technology.

SECTION 2. Section 12.106(a-4), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-4) In addition to the funding provided by Subsections (a), (a-2), and (a-3), a charter holder is entitled to receive funding for the open-enrollment charter school under Sections 48.110 and 48.112 and Subchapter D, Chapter 48, other than the allotment under Section 48.157, if the charter holder would be entitled to the funding if the school were a school district.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.